

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash-New Castle

New Castle— Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 5:58 p.m., Monday, December 07, 2020, on River Road (Route 9) south of Malcolm Forest Road.

The initial investigation has determined a 2013 Nissan Frontier, operated by a 63-year-old male from Delaware City, DE, was traveling southbound River Road approaching the intersection with Malcolm Forest Road. At the same time a 2007 Jeep Liberty, operated by a 33-year-old female from Delaware City, was traveling northbound River Road at the same location. For reasons unknown, the vehicles collided head-on near the center of the roadway.

The operator of the Nissan who was not wearing a seatbelt was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The operator of the Jeep who was properly restrained was transported to Christiana Hospital for serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Impairment on either operator does not appear to be a factor. The investigation is on-going and there are no charges filed at this time.

River Road (Rt. 9) between Saienni Boulevard and Federal School Lane was closed for approximately 3 hours while the collision was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information

regarding the crash should contact Det. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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